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SUBJECT: OSC SERVICES ARE ESSENTIAL TO EMBASSY BRATISLAVA

¶1. Post appreciates translation services provided by the Open Source Center (OSC) in Vienna. In addition to the selected materials OSC translates each work day, Post regularly requests translation of longer articles of particular policy concern. We understand that funds for translation from Czech and Slovak have been cut significantly and are concerned that OSC will no longer be able to fulfill our translation needs in future.

¶2. Embassy Bratislava particularly appreciates this service as some of the reporting officers in our mission were not able to receive full language instruction courses before arriving at post due to the needs of the Department, and are expected to understand the nuances of less traditional material than is typically covered in the standard OSC translations. Thus far, OSC Vienna has done an excellent job of translating important analytical pieces for us upon request, and we would very much appreciate them being able to continue this service in the future.

¶3. Thanks and regards.

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